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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/72/681 and A/72/681/Corr.1)*]

72/261. Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 45/248 B, section VI, of 21 December 1990, 55/231 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 58/269 and 58/270 of 23 December 2003, 59/276, section XI, of 23 December 2004, 60/283 of 7 July 2006, 61/263 of 4 April 2007, 62/236 of 22 December 2007, 63/262 of 24 December 2008, 64/243 of 24 December 2009, 65/259 of 24 December 2010, 66/246 of 24 December 2011, 68/246 of 27 December 2013, 70/247 of 23 December 2015 and 71/272 A and 71/274 of 23 December 2016,

Reaffirming also the respective mandates of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the consideration of the proposed programme budget,

Reaffirming further the role of the General Assembly, through the Fifth Committee, in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of posts and financial resources, as well as of human resources policies,

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019,[1] the tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the

[1] A/72/6 (Introduction), A/72/6 (Introduction)/Corr.1, A/72/6 (Sect. 1), A/72/6 (Sect. 2), A/72/6 (Sect. 3), A/72/6 (Sect. 4), A/72/6 (Sect. 4)/Corr.1, A/72/6 (Sect. 5), A/72/6 (Sect. 5)/Corr.1, A/72/6 (Sect. 6), A/72/6 (Sect. 7), A/72/6 (Sect. 7)/Corr.1, A/72/6 (Sect. 8), A/72/6 (Sect. 8)/Corr.1, A/72/6 (Sect. 9), A/72/6 (Sect. 10), A/72/6 (Sect. 11), A/72/6 (Sect. 12), A/72/6 (Sect. 12)/Corr.1, A/72/6 (Sect. 14), A/72/6 (Sect. 15), A/72/6 (Sect. 16), A/72/6 (Sect. 17), A/72/6 (Sect. 18), A/72/6 (Sect. 19), A/72/6 (Sect. 20), A/72/6 (Sect. 21), A/72/6 (Sect. 22), A/72/6 (Sect. 23), A/72/6 (Sect. 24), A/72/6 (Sect. 24)/Corr.1, A/72/6 (Sect. 25), A/72/6 (Sect. 26), A/72/6 (Sect. 26)/Corr.1, A/72/6 (Sect. 27), A/72/6 (Sect. 28), A/72/6 (Sect. 29), A/72/6 (Sect. 29A), A/72/6 (Sect. 29B), A/72/6 (Sect. 29C), A/72/6 (Sect. 29C)/Corr.1, A/72/6 (Sect. 29C)/Corr.2, A/72/6 (Sect. 29D), A/72/6 (Sect. 29E), A/72/6 (Sect. 29F), A/72/6 (Sect. 29G), A/72/6 (Sect. 29H), A/72/6 (Sect. 30), A/72/6 (Sect. 31), A/72/6 (Sect. 32), A/72/6 (Sect. 33), A/72/6 (Sect. 33)/Corr.1, A/72/6 (Sect. 34), A/72/6 (Sect. 35), A/72/6 (Sect. 36), A/72/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/72/6 (Income Sect. 2) and A/72/6 (Income Sect. 3).

implementation of projects financed from the Development Account,[2] the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on internal oversight: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

Having also considered chapter II, section A, of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-seventh session[5] and the report of the Secretary-General on the consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019,[6]

Having further considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on safety and security in the United Nations system[7] as well as the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,[8]

1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirms the role of the Fifth Committee in carrying out a thorough analysis and approving human and financial resources and policies, with a view to ensuring full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

2. *Also reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

3. *Further reaffirms* the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;[9]

4. *Reaffirms* the established budgetary procedures and methodologies, based on its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211;

5. *Also reaffirms* the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;[10]

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as contained in chapter II, section A, of its report;[5]

7. *Also endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 17 of its resolution 64/243, notes the practice of incremental budgeting where only new requirements are justified, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that whenever new proposals lead to requests for additional resources, sufficient efforts are made to meet the new requirements using existing resources;

9. *Stresses* that the contingency fund should be used in strict accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of annex I to resolution 41/213 and paragraph 3 of section C of the annex to resolution 42/211;

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[2] A/72/92 and A/72/92/Corr.1.

[3] A/72/85.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/72/7 and A/72/7/Corr.1).

[5] Ibid., *Supplement No. 16* (A/72/16).

[6] A/72/84, A/72/84/Corr.1, A/72/84/Corr.2 and A/72/84/Add.1.

[7] A/72/118.

[8] A/72/118/Add.1.

[9] ST/SGB/2016/6.

[10] ST/SGB/2013/4.

10. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to disseminate, as supplementary information, budgetary tables in spreadsheet format for ease of analysis and review;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit reports to the Advisory Committee no later than two weeks in advance of its scheduled consideration of items so as to ensure that the Committee will, in turn, provide its advice to the General Assembly no later than two weeks in advance of formal introduction of an item, with an exception for revised estimates and programme budget implications arising in the course of the main part of the session of the Assembly;

12. *Decides* that a vacancy rate of 11.5 per cent for staff in the Professional and higher categories and of 8.7 per cent for staff in the General Service and related categories shall be used as a basis for the calculation of the budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

13. *Also decides* to abolish one P-3 post under section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, one P-3 post and one General Service (Other level) post under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, and one General Service (Other level) post under section 28, Public information, all of which have been vacant for more than two years;

14. *Further decides* that the staffing table for the biennium 2018–2019 shall be as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

Part I
Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

Section 1
Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

15. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

16. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

17. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

18. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

19. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

20. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

21. *Takes note* of paragraph I.20 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to establish one D-1 (Principal Officer) post in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General;

22. *Also takes note* of paragraph I.33 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

23. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources in the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva by 49,600 United States dollars;

Section 2
General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

24. *Welcomes* the reorganization of the Translation Services;

25. *Takes note* of paragraph I.40 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and approves the establishment of one P-3 (Communication Officer) post under Executive direction and management;

26. *Decides* not to establish one post of Programme Management Officer (P-3) under subprogramme 2, under Conference management, Geneva;

27. *Reaffirms* paragraph 95 of its resolution 71/262 of 23 December 2016, and decides to reclassify two P-3 (Translator) posts to two P-4 (Translator) posts in the Chinese Translation Service, Documentation services, New York;

28. *Takes note* of paragraph I.57 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

29. *Decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

30. *Also decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

31. *Further decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

32. *Decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

33. *Also decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

34. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

Part II
Political affairs

Section 3
Political affairs

35. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

36. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

37. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

38. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

39. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

40. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

41. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

Section 4
Disarmament

42. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

43. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

44. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

45. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

46. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

47. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

48. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

49. *Takes note* of paragraph II.19 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

50. *Recalls* paragraph II.24 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to continue the current practice of funding one D-2 post of Director of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research through the related subvention approved in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

51. *Approves* the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research of 750,000 dollars (before recosting) from the regular budget of the United Nations, for which provision has already been included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

Section 5
Peacekeeping operations

52. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

53. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

54. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

55. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

56. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

57. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

58. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

59. *Takes note* of paragraph II.31 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to establish two new posts (one Information Analyst (P-3) and one Fixed Asset Management Officer (Field Service));

60. *Also takes note* of paragraph II.35 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

61. *Decides* to abolish one General Service post at the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization;

62. *Recalls* paragraph II.40 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes the high vehicle ratios, and decides not to approve the proposed resources for the acquisition of vehicles for the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization;

Section 6
Peaceful uses of outer space

63. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

64. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

65. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

66. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

67. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

68. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

69. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

Part III
International justice and law

Section 7
International Court of Justice

70. *Recalls* paragraph III.17 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments not to exceed 1 million dollars for the implementation of an enterprise resource planning system during the biennium 2018–2019;

71. *Takes note* of paragraph III.25 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

72. *Decides* to reduce resources for programme support by 200,000 dollars;

Section 8
Legal affairs

73. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

74. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

75. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

76. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

77. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

78. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

79. *Decides* not to approve the proposed conversion of two posts (1 P-3 and 1 General Service (Other level)) from general temporary assistance positions

Part IV
International cooperation for development

Section 9
Economic and social affairs

80. *Decides* to retain the post of Social Affairs Officer (P-3) in the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;

Section 10
Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

81. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

82. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

83. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

84. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

85. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

86 *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

87. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

88. *Emphasizes* the importance of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020,[11] and the complimentary role of South-South cooperation in accelerating progress towards its full implementation, and in this regard decides to reclassify one P-4 (Programme Officer) post under the Least Developed Countries Unit as a P-5 (Senior Programme Officer) post under the Least Developed Countries Unit to strengthen South-South cooperation in development financing for the least developed countries;

89. *Reaffirms* the importance of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway,[12] the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[13] and other intergovernmentally agreed outcomes, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to support small island developing States through the Small Island Developing States Unit in the Department for Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and the Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing States, and Small Island Developing States;

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[11] *Report of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Istanbul, Turkey, 9–13 May 2011* (A/CONF.219/7), chap. II.

[12] Resolution 69/15, annex.

[13] Resolution 70/1.

Section 11
United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

90. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

91. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

92. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

93. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

94. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

95. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

96. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

Section 12
Trade and development

97. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

98. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

99. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

100. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

101. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

102. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

103. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

Section 14
Environment

104. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

105. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and material and hospitality by 10 per cent;

106. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

107. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

108. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

109. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

110. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce the resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

Section 15
Human settlements

111. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

112. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

113. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

114. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

115. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

116. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

117. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

Section 16
International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice

118. *Decides* to approve the proposed establishment of three posts of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer (1 P-4 and 2 P-3) to support the work of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

119. *Also decides* to re-establish the practice of publishing the World Drug Report in all six official languages from regular budget funds starting in the biennium 2018–2019;

Section 17
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

120. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

121. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

122. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

123. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

124. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

125. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

126. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

Part VI
Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Section 24
Human rights

127. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

128. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and material and hospitality by 10 per cent;

129. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

130. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

131. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

132. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

133. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

134. *Takes note* of paragraph VI.10 of the report of the Advisory Committee, reaffirms its resolution 68/268 of 9 April 2014, and decides to establish 5 positions in lieu of the 11 posts proposed by the Secretary-General;

Section 25
International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees

135. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

136. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and material and hospitality by 10 per cent;

137. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

138. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

139. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

140. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

141. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

142. *Takes note* of paragraph VI.29 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

Section 26
Palestine refugees

143. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

144. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

145. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

146. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

147. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

148. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

149. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

Section 27
Humanitarian assistance

150. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

151. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and material and hospitality by 10 per cent;

152. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

153. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

154. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

155. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

156. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

157. *Decides* to approve 3,750,000 dollars for the activities of the United Nations Monitoring Mechanism for the Syrian Arab Republic for 2018;

Part VII
Public information

Section 28
Public information

158. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

159. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

160. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

161. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

162. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

163. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

164. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

165. *Welcomes* the intention of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to collaborate with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of the Secretariat to further coordinate efforts to seek efficiencies in the translation of documents and web content, recognizes efforts by the Department of Public Information to improve compliance with accessibility standards as well as maintaining and improving the quality and accuracy of official meeting coverage and press releases, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the qualitative and quantitative benefits of those efforts in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

166. *Decides* not to abolish one P-5 (Director) post under Strategic communications services, within existing resources;

167. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the two posts from the Kiswahili Radio Unit and the two posts from the Portuguese Radio Unit are deployed for the purposes originally approved;

168. *Decides* not to approve 18 new posts requested by the Department of Public Information;

169. *Also decides* to reduce resources for the Department of Public Information by 2.5 per cent;

Part VIII
Common support services

Section 29
Management and support services

170. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

171. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

172. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

173. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

174. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

175. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

176. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

177. *Also recalls* paragraph VIII.8 of the report of the Advisory Committee, regrets that unbudgeted expenditures have been incurred without the approval of the General Assembly, requests the Secretary-General to make all efforts to avoid recurrence, calls upon the Secretary-General to lead by example, and in this regard decides to reduce post and non-post resources under sections 29C, 29D and 29E by 5 per cent;

Section 29C
Office of Human Resources Management

178. *Takes note* of paragraph VIII.43 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve one P-5 (Mental Health Officer) post under Medical services, in New York;

Part IX
Internal oversight

Section 30
Internal oversight

179. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

180. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and material and hospitality by 10 per cent;

181. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

182. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

183. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

184. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

185. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

Part X
Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Section 31
Jointly financed administrative activities

186. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

187. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and material and hospitality by 10 per cent;

188. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

189. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

190. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

191. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

Section 32
Special expenses

192. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

193. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and material and hospitality by 10 per cent;

194. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

195. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

196. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

197. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

198. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

Part XI
Capital expenditures

Section 33
Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

199. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

200. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and material and hospitality by 10 per cent;

201. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

202. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

203. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

204. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

205. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

206. *Decides* to reduce the appropriation by 6,581,200 dollars under section 33, and requests the Secretary-General to reprioritize projects accordingly;

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207. *Decides* to reduce resources for contractual services by 10 per cent;

208. *Also decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment, consultants, supplies and materials and hospitality by 10 per cent;

209. *Further decides* to reduce resources for general operating expenditures and other staff costs by 5 per cent;

210. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for information technology by 10 per cent;

211. *Also decides* to reduce resources for experts by 15 per cent;

212. *Further decides* to reduce resources for the travel of representatives by 25 per cent;

213. *Recalls* paragraphs II.41, II.50, IV.107, VIII.31 and VIII.48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides instead to reduce resources for the travel of staff by 10 per cent;

214. *Takes note* of paragraph XII.13 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to appropriate 100,000 dollars for consultants under Executive direction and management.

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Annex

Staffing table for the biennium 2018–2019

Category	*Number of posts*
Professional and higher	
Deputy Secretary-General	1
Under-Secretary-General	36
Assistant Secretary-General	30
D-2	114
D-1	294
P-5	886
P-4/3	2 934
P-2/1	512
Subtotal	**4 807**
General Service and related	
Principal level	275
Other level	2 374
Subtotal	**2 649**
Security Service	307
Local level	1 909
Field Service	107
National Professional Officer	84
Trades and Crafts	96
Subtotal	**2 503**
Total	**9 959**

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72/262. Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

The General Assembly,

I
International Public Sector Accounting Standards

Recalling section IV of its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006, section V of its resolution 63/262 of 24 December 2008, its resolution 64/243 of 24 December 2009, its resolution 65/243 A and section II.B of its resolution 65/259 of 24 December 2010, section I of its resolution 66/232 B of 21 June 2012, its resolution 66/246 of 24 December 2011, section IV of its resolution 67/246 of 24 December 2012, its resolution 68/246 of 27 December 2013, section II of its resolution 68/247 A of 27 December 2013, section I of its resolution 69/262 of 29 December 2014, section I of its resolution 70/248 A of 23 December 2015 and section I of its resolution 71/272 A of 23 December 2016,

Having considered the tenth and final progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

[1] A/72/213
[2] A/72/7/Add.4

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II
Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Recalling its resolution 35/221 of 17 December 1980, section VII of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000, its resolution 58/266 of 23 December 2003, section III of its resolution 65/268 of 4 April 2011 and its resolution 68/247 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,[3]

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

III
Strategic capital review

Recalling section III of its resolution 65/259, section V of its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014, section VII of its resolution 69/262, section II of its resolution 69/274 A of 2 April 2015, section VI of its resolution 70/248 B of 1 April 2016 and section XVI of its resolution 71/272 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[4] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[5]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[4]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[5]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the largest and most complex capital expenditure projects are not implemented simultaneously, in order to prevent the need to finance them at the same time;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 6 of section V of its resolution 68/247 B, and reaffirms that any potential proposals stemming from the strategic capital review with budgetary implications should follow the procedure set out in the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;[6]

IV
Revised estimates relating to the Office of Counter-Terrorism under section 3, Political affairs, section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 36, Staff assessment

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[7] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[8]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[7]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[8]

3. *Approves* the additional resources proposed in the amount of 1,097,700 United States dollars (net of staff assessment);

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[3] A/72/366.
[4] A/72/393.
[5] A/72/7/Add.9.
[6] ST/SGB/2013/4.
[7] A/72/117.
[8] A/72/7/Add.1.

4. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 1,097,700 dollars (net of staff assessment) under section 3, Political affairs (1,034,100 dollars), and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services (63,600 dollars) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

5. *Also appropriates* the amount of 124,200 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

V
Proposal for the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago

Recalling section VII of its resolution 69/274 A and section VI of its resolution 70/248 B,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[9] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[10]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[9]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[10] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Acknowledges* the important role played by the host countries in facilitating the maintenance and construction of United Nations facilities, and stresses the value of continued collaboration with host countries in this regard;

4. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Chile, as the host country, for the continued efforts in supporting and facilitating the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and stresses the necessity to ensure compliance with all relevant regulations, including provisions for persons with disabilities concerning accessibility and technology;

6. *Takes note* of paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve the scope of the project as it relates to seismic mitigation;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 33 of the report of the Advisory Committee, takes note of the overall scope and maximum estimated cost of the project, and requests the Secretary-General to refine the proposal and present it during the main part of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly;

8. *Requests* that the Secretary-General present a detailed analysis of the range of possible options to meet the objectives set out in his report, in particular those relating to energy efficiency and reducing the environmental impact of the building's operation;

9. *Approves* the establishment of one National Officer position effective 1 January 2018, related to the dedicated project team, under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

10. *Appropriates* an amount of 160,000 dollars for the project in 2018 comprising 80,000 dollars under section 21, Economic and social development in

[9] A/72/367.
[10] A/72/7/Add.8.

Latin America and the Caribbean, and 80,000 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

11. *Defers* consideration of the proposal to establish a multi-year construction-in-progress account until the Secretary-General presents the further options analysis requested in his next progress report;

VI
Financial implications relating to the administration of justice at the United Nations

Recalling its resolution 72/256 of 24 December 2017 on the administration of justice at the United Nations,

1. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 1,862,700 dollars (net of staff assessment) under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination (1,563,900 dollars), section 29A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management (177,600 dollars) and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services (121,200 dollars) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

2. *Also appropriates* the amount of 125,600 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

VII
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2017

Having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly[11] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[12]

1. *Recalls* its resolution 72/255 of 24 December 2017;

2. *Takes note* of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General;[11]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[12]

VIII
Request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone

Recalling its resolution 58/284 of 8 April 2004, section VII of its resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004, section II of its resolution 59/294 of 22 June 2005, section XII of its resolution 65/259, section IX of its resolution 66/247 of 24 December 2011, section I of its resolution 67/246, section VII of its resolution 70/248 A and section III of its resolution 71/272 A,

[11] A/C.5/72/3 and A/C.5/72/3/Corr.1.

[12] A/72/7/Add.21.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the use of the commitment authority and request for a subvention to the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone[13] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[14]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[13]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[14]

3. *Reaffirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone;

4. *Welcomes* the in-kind support provided by the Government of Sierra Leone to the Residual Special Court, including support for the sub-office of the Court in Freetown and for the provision of security personnel;

5. *Stresses* the need for a realistic approach to budgeting reflecting actual needs, and encourages further efforts to identify efficiencies, without prejudice to the judicial requirements of the Residual Special Court;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not to exceed 2,300,000 dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the Residual Special Court for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018 as a bridging financial mechanism, and requests the Secretary-General to report, at the main part of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, on the use of the commitment authority;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals continues to provide logistical and administrative support to the Residual Special Court, on a cost-reimbursable basis, as appropriate, without prejudice to the mandate of each of the entities, and to report, at the main part of the seventy-third session, on the modalities for the future support of the International Residual Mechanism for the Residual Special Court;

8. *Encourages* all Member States to provide voluntary support for the Residual Special Court;

9. *Expresses serious concern* over the adverse financial situation facing the Residual Special Court, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to redouble his efforts to seek voluntary contributions, including through broadening the donor base and holding regular consultations with the key stakeholders, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-third session;

IX
Subvention to the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

Recalling section I of its resolution 68/247 B, section I of its resolution 69/274 A, section IV of its resolution 70/248 A and section II of its resolution 71/272 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia[15] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[16]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[15]

[13] A/72/384.
[14] A/72/7/Add.20.
[15] A/72/341.
[16] A/72/7/Add.7.

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[16] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Reaffirms* the high priority accorded to the work of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia;

4. *Takes note* of paragraph 30 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, as an exceptional measure, to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 8 million dollars to supplement the voluntary financial resources of the international component of the Extraordinary Chambers for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018, so as to enable the Extraordinary Chambers to carry out its judicial mandate, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the use of the commitment authority in the context of the next report;

6. *Encourages* all Member States to provide voluntary support for both the international and national components of the Extraordinary Chambers, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his intensive efforts to obtain additional voluntary contributions, including by broadening the donor base, for funding the future activities of the Extraordinary Chambers;

X
Revised estimates relating to the Office of the Victims' Rights Advocate under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 36, Staff assessment

Recalling its resolution 71/297 of 30 June 2017,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[17] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[18]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[17]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[18]

3. *Reaffirms* the collective and unanimous position that one substantiated case of sexual exploitation and abuse is one case too many;

4. *Approves* the additional resources proposed in the amount of 612,500 dollars (net of staff assessment);

5. *Also approves* the establishment of four positions (1 Assistant Secretary-General, 1 P-4, 1 P-3 and 1 General Service (Other level)) under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018;

6. *Appropriates* an additional amount of 612,500 dollars (net of staff assessment) under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination (504,000 dollars), and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services (108,500 dollars) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

7. *Also appropriates* an additional amount of 52,500 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

[17] A/72/373.
[18] A/72/7/Add.27.

XI
Progress on the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters

Recalling section V of its resolution 67/246, section III of its resolution 67/254 A of 12 April 2013, section IV of its resolution 68/247 B, section VII of its resolution 69/274 A and section XVI of its resolution 71/272 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[19] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[20]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[19]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[20] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Reaffirms* that flexible workplace strategies in the United Nations should be aimed at improving the overall productivity and efficiency of the Organization, as well as the staff workplace environment;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure full compliance with its decisions and full cooperation with the implementation plan for the project, while meeting the needs of staff and ensuring their well-being and productivity;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of section XVI of its resolution 71/272 A, and reiterates its request that the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat assess in detail the impact of the flexible workplace on productivity and provide reliable qualitative and quantitative benefit indicators as well as other factors for the improvement of overall productivity and staff well-being, and report thereon in the context of the next progress report;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue with the implementation of flexible workplace strategies in New York in 2018, with a maximum number of 140 staff per floor, and to report thereon at the main part of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and reiterates its requests that the Secretary-General carefully analyse and apply the lessons learned from the outcome of the pilot programme and report thereon in the next progress report;

8. *Notes* the decrease in the current revised project costs, requests the Secretary-General to revisit his cost estimates for the implementation of the project and to review the methodology and underlying assumptions so as to arrive at a reliable cost estimate for the project and to provide updated information in this regard in his next report;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to include relevant data in his next report;

10. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to seek complementarities between flexible workplace strategies and flexible working arrangements, and in this regard requests him, under the guidance of the interdisciplinary working group, to provide information on arrangements for staff to work in remote locations, including from home, with an emphasis on addressing the requirements of staff with special needs, including those with disabilities, the elderly, expecting parents and parents with newborn or young children;

[19] A/72/379.
[20] A/72/7/Add.29.

11. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of section XVI of its resolution 71/272 A and decides that flexible working arrangements shall be an integral part of all flexible workplace strategies, and requests the Secretary-General to update his bulletin on flexible working arrangements and to report thereon in his next report;

12. *Emphasizes* the central coordination and oversight role of the Office of Central Support Services of the Department of Management of the Secretariat in the management of rental properties;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore options for the self-financing of the project and to report thereon in the context of his next report to the General Assembly for its consideration;

14. *Decides* that project and swing space costs for 2018 will be absorbed within the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

15. *Approves* the continuation of three temporary positions (1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 1 General Service (Other level)) for the project team;

XII
Progress in the construction of new office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, and update on the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall

Recalling its resolution 56/270 of 27 March 2002, section IX of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, section I of its resolution 63/263 of 24 December 2008, its resolution 64/243, section III of its resolution 65/259, section VII of its resolution 66/247, section II of its resolution 67/246, section III of its resolution 68/247 A, section V of its resolution 69/262, section IX of its resolution 70/248 A and section V of its resolution 71/272 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[21] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[22]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[21]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[22] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Appreciates* the continued efforts of the Government of Ethiopia, as the host country, in facilitating the construction of new office facilities and the renovation of the conference facilities, including Africa Hall, at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa;

4. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge, material, technology and capacity throughout the implementation of construction and renovation projects at the Economic Commission for Africa, as appropriate;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to update Member States, through the Office of Central Support Services, on the progress of the construction projects;

6. *Stresses* that the Secretary-General must ensure that the renovation of Africa Hall takes into account the preservation of the historical and architectural integrity of the facility, and underlines the need to liaise with key stakeholders, including the host Government, the African Union and the United Nations

[21] A/72/374.
[22] A/72/7/Add.26.

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in safeguarding the heritage conservation objective;

7. *Also stresses* the importance of including energy efficiencies in project planning and implementation, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts within the scope of the project with a view to, inter alia, minimizing utility consumption and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of section IX of its resolution 70/248 A, notes the revised business case for the visitors' centre, and encourages the Secretary-General to refine the underlying assumptions and the calculation for the projected number of visitors to Africa Hall and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue in his efforts to conduct wide-ranging outreach activities and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General, in the context of future progress reports, to include an update on the different admission options that could allow access to Africa Hall to a larger number of visitors, especially students, academicians, residents and guests;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Secretary-General to expedite the completion of the project's Monte Carlo risk analysis, present the refined contingency estimate and take appropriate measures to mitigate potential risks that may affect the project implementation timeline, and to include the update in the context of the next report;

12. *Emphasizes* the need for the Office of Internal Oversight Services to continue to provide oversight of the construction projects at the Economic Commission for Africa, in particular the renovation of Africa Hall, and to continue to include information on key findings in the context of the annual reports of the Office on its activities;

13. *Welcomes with appreciation* the voluntary contributions of the host country, Mali and Switzerland to Africa Hall, and requests that the Secretary-General continue to seek both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States in full compliance with all relevant regulations and rules of the Organization, and provide detailed information on the matter in the context of the next progress report;

14. *Notes* the importance of developing a comprehensive and sustainable resource mobilization strategy with regard to operations in Africa Hall, pending the review of admission options;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that resource requirements at each stage of the project are based on a thorough review of actual and up-to-date needs on the ground and to provide detailed information in the context of future progress reports;

16. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to take prudent measures to control cost overruns, such as expenses relating to official travel, so that expenditures would remain within the planned operational budget of the project in compliance with the relevant Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;[6]

17. *Approves* an appropriation in the amount of 5,700,300 dollars for the project for 2018, comprising 905,400 dollars under section 18, Economic and social development for Africa, 4,644,700 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, and 150,200 dollars under section 34, Safety

and security, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at the main part of its seventy-third session, a progress report on the implementation of the construction projects and the renovation of the conference facilities, including Africa Hall and the visitors' centre, outlining, inter alia, project expenditure and total costs;

XVI

Seismic mitigation retrofit and life-cycle replacements project at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific premises in Bangkok

Recalling section XII of its resolution 70/248 A and section IV of its resolution 71/272 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[23] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[24]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[23]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[24] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the continued efforts of the Government of Thailand, as the host country, in facilitating the work of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok;

4. *Welcomes* the positive steps taken towards engaging with the host country, and encourages the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to continue the discussions on cooperation with the host country in this regard;

5. *Also welcomes* the advice of the host country on swing space options, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his discussions with the host country on the most suitable option;

6. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge, technology and capacity throughout the implementation of the construction project, as appropriate;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 7 of section IV of its resolution 71/272 A, and requests the Secretary-General to include more information on the results of the accessibility assessment, road map and staff survey in the context of his next progress report;

8. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the objectives of the project are achieved within budget and in a timely manner;

9. *Emphasizes* that the Office of Central Support Services should be actively involved in overseeing the project to ensure the central supervision of capital projects, including risk management and alignment with lessons learned;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 6 of section XII of its resolution 70/248 A, and requests the Secretary-General to report on specific and cost-effective measures undertaken to minimize disruption to tenant operations and other factors in his next report;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph 16 of section IV of its resolution 71/272 A, and reiterates that unused contingency funds must be carried over to subsequent years,

[23] A/72/338 and A/72/338/Corr.1.
[24] A/72/7/Add.6.

and that all remaining unused contingency funds be returned to Member States at the conclusion of the project, in 2023;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to respond flexibly to changes from internal and external factors in order to implement the project within the scope, budget and timeline approved by the General Assembly;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the Organization, and to provide detailed information on the matter in the context of the next progress report;

15. *Approves* an appropriation in the amount of 4,057,200 dollars for the project for 2018, comprising 615,000 dollars under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, and 3,442,200 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at the main part of its seventy-third session, a progress report on the implementation of the project;

XIV
Proposal for the replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[25] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[26]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[25]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[26] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Acknowledges* the important role played by the host country in facilitating the maintenance and construction of United Nations facilities in Nairobi, and stresses the value of continued collaboration with the host country in this regard;

4. *Expresses its gratitude* to the host country for its continued support to the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and trusts that the Secretary-General will continue to engage, as appropriate, with the host country as has been the practice with respect to other construction projects at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

5. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge, technology and capacity throughout the implementation of the proposed replacement of office blocks A to J at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, as appropriate;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Office of Central Support Services, to take into account lessons learned and best practices from similar past construction and renovation projects in the planning, design and implementation of the proposed replacement of office blocks A to J;

[25] A/72/375.
[26] A/72/7/Add.28.

7. *Stresses* the importance of governance, effective oversight, transparency and accountability in the implementation of the proposed replacement of office blocks A to J, and requests the Secretary-General to put in place appropriate mechanisms in this regard;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to consider the implementation strategy during the main part of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly;

9. *Recognizes* the importance of and need for the implementation of a project to develop the accommodation and facilities to replace office blocks A to J in order to, inter alia, ensure safety and compliance with all required security, information technology and life-safety standards;

10. *Takes note* of paragraph 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee, approves the scope of activities for 2018 as it relates to the refinement of the project proposal, preparatory work and integrated risk management, takes note of the proposed maximum estimated cost of the project for the replacement of office blocks A to J, and requests the Secretary-General to present a refined proposal during the main part of the seventy-third session;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as part of his refined proposal, to incorporate outcomes of comprehensive analyses regarding the implementation of flexible workplace strategies at the complex, to include rental income and related expenditures;

12. *Approves* the establishment of two temporary positions (consisting of 1 P-4 Space Planner/Coordinator and 1 P-3 Structural/Civil Engineer) related to the dedicated project management team and project support team, under section 29H, United Nations Office at Nairobi, as from 1 January 2018;

13. *Appropriates* an amount of 503,400 dollars for the independent risk management and design of the project for 2018, comprising 165,400 dollars under section 29H, United Nations Office at Nairobi, and 338,000 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

XV
Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Recalling its resolution 70/238 A of 23 December 2015, section VI of its resolution 70/248 A and its resolution 71/265 of 23 December 2016,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,[27] the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Pension Board,[28] the financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the report of the Board of Auditors on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund[29] and the recommendations contained therein, the report of the Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board

[27] A/72/383.
[28] A/C.5/72/2.
[29] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 5P* (A/72/5/Add.16).

of Auditors contained in its report for the year ended 31 December 2016 on the Fund[30] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[31]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board[27] and the report of the Secretary-General;[28]

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report for the year ended 31 December 2016 on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;[30]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[31] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Notes* that the Board of Auditors issued an unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 31 December 2016;

5. *Welcomes* the findings and recommendations contained in the report of the Board of Auditors on the Fund,[29] and notes with serious concern the need to address all of the shortcomings identified by the Board, including the need to ensure the availability of accurate data for the actuarial valuation, and in particular the need to strengthen the internal control procedures, ensure the timely and accurate processing of benefits and create a client grievance redressal mechanism;

6. *Notes with concern* the slow progress of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and urges the Secretary-General and the Pension Board to take appropriate measures expeditiously to address this issue;

7. *Notes* the overexpenditure under other staff costs for the biennium 2016–2017, and stresses the importance of effective and efficient management of human and financial resources by the Fund;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with the conduct of a comprehensive audit of the governance structure of the Pension Board, including a review of the checks and balances between the Board and the leadership of the Fund, and requests the Office to submit a report with key findings to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session, to be considered in the context of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

9. *Notes with concern* the issues identified in the report of the Board of Auditors regarding the implementation of the Integrated Pension Administration System, requests the Pension Board to address these issues, and looks forward to receiving an update on progress thereon in the context of the next report of the Pension Board;

10. *Requests* the Pension Board to ensure that the cost and scope of the Integrated Pension Administration System project are kept within approved budgetary limits;

11. *Notes* the progress made with regard to the processing time of benefits payments in 2016, expresses concern at the continued delays in the receipt of payments by some new beneficiaries and retirees of the Fund, once again stresses the need for the Pension Board to take appropriate steps to ensure that the Fund addresses the causes of such delays, and in this regard requests an update in the context of the next report of the Pension Board;

[30] A/72/364.

[31] A/72/7/Add.23.

12. *Notes with concern* the high number of vacant posts, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General and the Pension Board to take appropriate measures to fill all of the vacant posts in the Fund, in full compliance with relevant provisions governing recruitment;

13. *Welcomes* the establishment of the pilot service centre in Nairobi, as well as the proposed establishment of a regional service centre in Asia, and requests the secretariat of the Fund to present to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-third session a comprehensive strategy to bring the service centres to full functionality;

14. *Emphasizes* the importance of the Fund meeting its target annual real rate of return of 3.5 per cent, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to improve the investment performance of the Fund and to report thereon in the context of future reports on the investments of the Fund;

15. *Welcomes* the review conducted by the Secretary-General of the governance and compliance procedures of the Investment Management Division with regard to its trading activities, and in this regard encourages the Secretary-General to undertake a review of the research and trading activities of the Division, in particular its selection of brokers and dealers, and to report thereon in the context of the report of the Pension Board no later than at the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly;

16. *Expresses concern* that for the calendar year 2016, the Fund suffered currency losses of 679,900,000 dollars, and that the Fund has incurred cumulative losses of 4,680,000,000 dollars since 2013, and urges the Secretary-General to continue to employ suitable procedures and tools to mitigate risks related to foreign exchange losses;

17. *Reaffirms* that, in accordance with article 19 of the regulations of the Fund, the Secretary-General serves as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Fund and has fiduciary responsibility for deciding upon the investment of the assets of the Fund;

18. *Stresses* the need to avoid any action that would compromise the fiduciary responsibilities and long-term sustainability of the Fund;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the Fund, to continue to diversify its investments between developed, developing and emerging markets, wherever this serves the interests of the participants and the beneficiaries of the Fund, and also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that decisions concerning the investments of the Fund in any market are implemented prudently, taking fully into account the four main criteria for investment, namely safety, profitability, liquidity and convertibility;

20. *Requests* the Fund to incorporate provisions on the duration of contracts and formalize the method of evaluation before awarding contracts to or renewing the contracts of the Fund managers;

21. *Recalls* paragraph 29 of its resolution 69/113 of 10 December 2014, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to explore cost-saving measures additional to the reduction in the use of non-discretionary advisory fees, as appropriate;

22. *Also recalls* paragraph 21 (c) of the terms of reference of the Investments Committee of the Fund, and requests the Secretary-General to increase efforts to identify potential candidates for the Investments Committee from all regional groups;

23. *Decides* to reduce non-post resources for the administration of the Fund by 5 per cent;

24. *Takes note* of paragraph 31 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

25. *Decides* to establish the four additional posts set out in the table below:

Organizational unit	*Title of post*	*Number of posts*	*Category level*
Administration			
Programme of work			
Operations (New York)	Deputy Chief of Section, Pension Entitlements	1	P-4
Client services and outreach	Programme Officer	1	P-4
Financial services	Chief of Section, Accounts	1	P-5
	Chief of Unit, Payroll	1	P-4
Total		**4**	

26. *Also decides* to postpone consideration of the proposed reclassification of three posts, and requests the secretariat of the Fund to provide further information in the context of the next report of the Pension Board;

27. *Approves* the revised estimates of 174,964,300 dollars for the biennium 2016–2017 for the administration of the Fund;

28. *Also approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 169,467,900 dollars net for the biennium 2018–2019;

29. *Further approves* the amount of 22,191,900 dollars as the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the Fund for the biennium 2018–2019, of which 14,114,000 dollars would represent the share of the regular budget and the balance of 8,077,900 dollars would represent the share of the funds and programmes;

30. *Approves* the reduction of 390,400 dollars in the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the central secretariat of the Fund under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

31. *Authorizes* the Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 2018–2019 by an amount not to exceed 225,000 dollars;

XVI
Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Recalling part XI of its resolution 64/243, section VII of its resolution 66/247, section V of its resolution 68/247 A, sections III and VII of its resolution 69/262, section X of its resolution 70/248 A and section XVIII of its resolution 71/272 A,

Having considered the fourth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva[32] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[33]

[32] A/72/521.
[33] A/72/7/Add.25.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[32]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[33] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Welcomes* the continued support of the Government of Switzerland for the construction project in Geneva;

4. *Reaffirms* the proposed project scope, schedule and estimated cost of the strategic heritage plan in the maximum amount of 836,500,000 Swiss francs for the period from 2014 to 2023;

5. *Stresses* the importance of effective governance, oversight, transparency and accountability in the management of the project to ensure that the project objectives are achieved on time and within budget;

6. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes with concern the potential adverse impact of slippages on the project, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the strategic heritage plan is fully completed within the project scope, schedule and overall cost approved in its resolution 70/248 A;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the procurement of goods and services for the construction project is carried out in strict compliance with the existing regulations, rules and relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions governing procurement in the United Nations;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 16 of its resolution 69/273 of 2 April 2015, reaffirms the importance of transparency in the procurement process, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the project team takes vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition fully into account when contracting and subcontracting and to report on the specific steps taken and progress achieved in the context of increasing procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the implementation of the strategic heritage plan;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the application of flexible workplace strategies at the Palais des Nations takes into account staff welfare and productivity, the physical characteristics and the specific heritage preservation needs, as well as ongoing business transformation initiatives, in a cost-effective manner;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the implementation of the strategic heritage plan takes into account measures to eliminate physical, communications and technical barriers to persons with disabilities, taking into account relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, while ensuring compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[34] and to report on this subject in future annual progress reports;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to avoid budget increases through sound project management practices and to ensure that the strategic heritage plan is completed within the approved budget and the envisaged schedule;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take appropriate measures to mitigate risks, including those associated with currency exchange rates, and to include relevant information in this regard in the context of future progress reports;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 23, of section XVIII of its resolution 71/272 A, and reiterates that the valorization of real estate owned by the Organization in Geneva

[34] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

should preserve the long-term interests of the United Nations in Geneva through long-term community-oriented leasing arrangements;

14. *Also recalls* paragraph 30 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides that all income from the rental or valorization of land owned by the Organization in Geneva will be reflected under income section 2, General income, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

15. *Appreciates* the existing voluntary contributions received from Member States to finance the strategic heritage plan, and requests the Secretary-General to remain proactive in seeking both voluntary and in-kind contributions from Member States, as well as donations by private entities, in full compliance with all relevant rules and regulations of the Organization and agreements related to donations for the strategic heritage plan, in order to reduce the overall assessments on Member States;

16. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to continue to explore the possibility of attracting additional United Nations entities to be accommodated at the renovated Palais des Nations;

17. *Also reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure that works of art, masterpieces and other gifts are handled appropriately during the design and renovation stages of the strategic heritage plan at the Palais des Nations, and also requests him to cooperate with those Member States that wish to take care of their gifts of works of art, masterpieces and other items;

18. *Approves* the establishment of one new temporary position of Senior Procurement Officer (P-5), to be based in the Office of Central Support Services at Headquarters, effective 1 January 2018, for an initial period of one year, to be funded within existing project resources;

19. *Decides* to continue to use the multi-year construction-in-progress account established within the regular budget for expenditures related to the strategic heritage plan in 2018;

20. *Also decides* to revert to the establishment of an assessment scheme and currency of appropriation and assessment for the strategic heritage plan at the main part of its seventy-third session, and requests the Secretary-General to provide updated detailed information on these issues;

21. *Further decides* to revert to the establishment of the multi-year special account for the strategic heritage plan at the main part of its seventy-third session;

22. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 25,400,000 dollars (equivalent to 24,600,000 Swiss francs) for 2018, under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

XVII
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2017 session

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[35] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[36]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[35]

[35] A/72/398.
[36] A/72/7/Add.22.

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[36]

3. *Approves* an additional appropriation in the amount of 247,200 dollars under section 16, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

4. *Also approves* the amount of 32,800 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

XVIII
International Trade Centre

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the International Trade Centre for the biennium 2018–2019[37] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee,[38]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee;[38]

2. *Decides* to approve resources in the amount of 37,354,000 dollars (the United Nations share equivalent to 50 per cent of 72,392,100 Swiss francs at the exchange rate of 0.969 Swiss francs to 1 dollar) proposed for the biennium 2018–2019 under section 13, International Trade Centre, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

XIX
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions and twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh special sessions

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[39] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[40]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[39]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[40]

3. *Approves* the establishment of three posts (P-3) under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, with effect from 1 January 2018;

4. *Also approves* an additional appropriation in the amount of 19,946,000 dollars, comprising 1,700,600 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 18,233,900 dollars under section 24, Human rights, 10,100 dollars under section 28, Public information, and 17,000 dollars under section 34, Safety and security, and offset in part by a reduction in the amount of 15,600 dollars under section 29F, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

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[37] A/72/6 (Sect. 13), A/72/6 (Sect. 13)/Corr.1 and A/72/646.
[38] A/72/7/Add.3/Rev.1 and A/72/7/Add.36.
[39] A/72/602 and A/72/602/Add.1.
[40] A/72/7/Add.35.

5. *Further approves* the amount of 52,800 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

XX
Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2018–2019

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General[41] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[42]

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General;[41]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[42] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Approves* the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research of 750,000 dollars (before recosting) from the regular budget of the United Nations, for which the provision has already been included under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

XXI
Enterprise resource planning project, Umoja

Recalling section II of its resolution 60/283, section II of its resolution 63/262, its resolution 64/243, section II.A of its resolution 65/259, its resolution 66/246, section III of its resolution 66/263 of 21 June 2012, section III of its resolution 67/246, its resolution 68/246, sections IV and VI of its resolution 69/274 A, section XVII of its resolution 70/248 A and section XIV of its resolution 71/272 A,

Having considered the ninth progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project,[43] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the United Nations enterprise resource planning system[44] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[45]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[43] and the note by the Secretary-General;[44]

2. *Also takes note* of the findings of the report of the Board of Auditors,[44] and endorses the recommendations contained therein;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[45] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Welcomes* the implementation of Umoja globally across more than 40,000 staff in 400 locations, and notes that this is a significant achievement;

5. *Notes* the conclusion of the Board of Auditors in paragraph 17 of the summary of its report that Umoja remains central to the successful reform and modernization of the administration of the United Nations;

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[41] A/72/369.
[42] A/72/7/Add.2.
[43] A/72/397.
[44] A/72/157.
[45] A/72/7/Add.31.

6. *Recognizes* the progress made in the implementation of Umoja since the previous progress report, and the effort of staff and managers in the implementation of Umoja Foundation and Extension 1 to date;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to closely monitor key milestones and the overall timeline for the complete implementation of Umoja by identifying and proactively managing current as well as any emerging key risks to the achievement of the project's objectives and full implementation, as approved by the General Assembly;

8. *Regrets* the delay in the full implementation of Umoja Extension 2, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement the project within the approved timeline and budget and to provide detailed information on the full implementation of the Umoja solution no later than at the seventy-third session of the General Assembly;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard reiterates the need for strict project planning and management in order to ensure that the Umoja project remains on track without further disruption and delay;

10. *Reiterates* the importance of ensuring that lessons learned from previous deployments continue to be fully taken into account in preparing future roll-outs in order to ensure smoother deployments and avoid extensive stabilization efforts that would result in further delays, cost escalation and other risks, and encourages the Secretary-General to incorporate such lessons learned in his planning and preparations for future phases of the project;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General in his roll-out plan for the implementation of Umoja to conduct a thorough and objective assessment of the Organization's readiness for business change in order to avoid unforeseen impacts and unnecessary additional post-implementation reviews that could lead to deviations from the project's plans, cost projections and expected benefits, and in this regard to report on the findings of this assessment to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session;

12. *Reiterates* that the successful implementation of Umoja requires the full support and commitment of senior management, as well as close and continuous engagement with key stakeholders, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure this through performance management and accountability mechanisms, especially at senior levels;

13. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General, in developing realistic benefit realization plans for implementing entities, to use a common methodology and provide details on both qualitative and quantitative benefits, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventy-third session;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes the insufficient progress made in the development of a benefit realization plan, stresses the need to establish a clear and transparent record of the realization of qualitative and quantitative Umoja benefits, taking fully into account the relevant recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon in the next progress report, without prejudice to established budgetary procedures and the prerogative of the Fifth Committee, which is entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

15. *Regrets* the inability of the Secretariat to provide sufficient information quantifying Umoja-related efficiencies and benefits, and requests the Advisory Committee to request the Board of Auditors to undertake a detailed verification exercise, with a view to validating a statement of quantifiable Umoja-related benefits, and to report thereon in the seventh annual progress report of the Board of Auditors;

16. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to strengthen in-house capacity and expertise on the enterprise resource planning system and to develop, as a matter of priority, a detailed action plan to ensure the transfer of knowledge from consultants to programme and project staff, ensuring that knowledge acquired is maintained within the Organization and reducing dependency on and resource requirements for contractual services, which represent a large proportion of project costs, and to provide detailed information thereon in the context of his next report;

17. *Notes* the steps taken thus far to address gaps in training, stresses the importance of effective and high-quality training for the successful implementation of Umoja, requests the Secretary-General to ensure that senior managers adopt a comprehensive and sustained approach to training and capacity development in their work units and make certain that all users are properly trained before the deployment of any functionality of the project, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to adopt appropriate qualitative and quantitative indicators of achievement to assess the effectiveness of the training received;

18. *Also notes* the effort made to estimate, for the first time, the indirect costs and total cost of ownership of the project, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at the main part of its seventy-third session, an updated business case for the Umoja project, and also requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to refine the estimates of the total cost of ownership of the project;

19. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make every effort to eliminate cost overruns through efficiency measures and sound project management and to avoid any further upward revision of the budget during the remaining project schedule, up to the time at which Umoja is fully deployed;

20. *Recalls* paragraph 43 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and welcomes the proposals of the Secretary-General for the restructuring and gradual downsizing of the Umoja project team;

21. *Decides* to approve the establishment of seven posts (3 P-3, 3 P-2 and 1 General Service (Principal level));

22. *Also decides* that the total project expenditure by 31 December 2018 should not exceed 516,738,500 dollars;

23. *Approves* the resource requirements of the project until 31 December 2019 in the amount of 62,062,600 dollars;

24. *Also approves* the amount of 9,309,400 dollars under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, representing the regular budget share for the Umoja project costs, and requests the Secretary-General to absorb 4,654,700 dollars of the regular budget share within the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

25. *Notes* that resource requirements in the amount of 28,859,100 dollars will be included in the subsequent requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, and requirements in the amount of 9,619,700 dollars for the financial period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020;

26. *Also notes* that requirements in the amount of 14,274,400 dollars will be funded from extrabudgetary resources in the financial period from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019;

XXII
Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other

political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Recalling section XX of its resolution 70/248 A, section V of its resolution 70/248 B, section XIX of its resolution 71/272 A and section VII of its resolution 71/272 B of 6 April 2017,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General[46] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[47]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[46]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee,[47] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Reaffirms its commitment* to consider the review of the arrangements on the funding and backstopping of the special political missions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and expresses its commitment to consider this matter, with a view to making a decision, without prejudging the outcome, at the main part of its seventy-third session;

4. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to present future budget proposals for the special political missions no later than the last week of October;

5. *Reiterates* that the Secretary-General has to ensure that the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity serve as the paramount consideration in the employment of staff, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in accordance with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations;

6. *Notes* that the continuing requirement for posts that have been vacant for two years or longer should be reviewed and justifications provided for their retention, or those posts should be proposed for abolishment;

7. *Recalls* its stipulation that the use of external consultants should be kept to an absolute minimum and that the Organization should use its in-house capacity to perform core activities or to fulfil functions that are recurrent over the long term;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take measures to improve transparency in the use of extrabudgetary funding in special political missions;

9. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

10. *Decides* to reduce the resources for operational requirements for special political missions by 1 per cent;

[46] A/72/371, A/72/371/Add.1, A/72/371/Add.2, A/72/371/Add.3, A/72/371/Add.4, A/72/371/Add.5, A/72/371/Add.6, A/72/371/Add.7 and A/72/371/Add.8.

[47] A/72/7/Add.10, A/72/7/Add.11, A/72/7/Add.12, A/72/7/Add.13, A/72/7/Add.14, A/72/7/Add.15, A/72/7/Add.16, A/72/7/Add.17 and A/72/7/Add.18.

Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General

Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Yemen

11. *Decides* not to establish one position of Principal Security Sector Reform Officer (D-1) and one position of Political Affairs Officer (P-4);

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria

12. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[48] and decides to abolish one position (P-4);

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General (Burundi)

13. *Commends* the work of the East African Community in facilitating mediation under the Inter-Burundi Dialogue to address the political challenges, supports the need for continued ownership by the East African Community of this process, and encourages the international community to continue to provide support, as appropriate;

14. *Decides* to approve the redeployment of one position of Special Assistant (P-3) to Ouagadougou;

15. *Also decides* to abolish one position of Senior Information Analyst (P-5);

Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms

Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

16. *Takes note* of paragraph 31 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[49] and decides to reduce resources for the additional subscriptions to global databases by 20 per cent;

Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities; and the Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009)

17. *Expresses concern* about the combined presentation of the budgets of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team and the Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1904 (2009) of 17 December 2009, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the budgets separately in the context of the next budget submission;

18. *Decides* to apply a 50 per cent vacancy rate for the Office of the Ombudsperson;

Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)

19. *Takes note* of paragraph 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[49] and decides to approve an additional 25 per cent reduction for official travel for the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) of 20 July 2015;

20. *Decides* to reclassify two P-4 positions as P-3 positions;

[48] A/72/7/Add.11.
[49] A/72/7/Add.12.

Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism

21. *Notes* that the proposed budget for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism is no longer mandated, and decides not to approve the funding requested;

Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate

22. *Takes note* of paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[49] and decides to establish four positions of Legal Officer (P-4), one position of Communications Officer (P-4) and one position of Political Affairs Officer (P-3);

Panel of Experts on Mali

23. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[50] and decides to only establish one position (P-3) for the Panel of Experts on Mali;

Thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions

United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau

24. *Decides* not to approve the proposed establishment of one position of Senior Political/Electoral Officer (P-5) in the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau;

25. *Also decides* not to abolish one position of Rule of Law Officer (P-4);

United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia

26. *Takes note* of paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[51] and decides not to establish four positions of Human Rights Officer (National Professional Officer);

27. *Also takes note* of paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[51] and decides to retain the positions of Special Assistant (P-5), Child Protection Officer (P-4) and Administrative Assistant (Local level);

28. *Approves* the redeployment of the following six positions: Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5), Political Affairs Officer (P-3), Political Affairs Officer (P-4), Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5), Senior Coordination Officer (P-5) and Administrative Officer (Field Service);

United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia

29. *Decides* not to approve the proposal that the position of Human Rights Officer (P-4) report directly to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and the day-to-day supervision of the Public Information Unit be placed under the responsibilities of the Human Rights Officer;

United Nations Support Mission in Libya

30. *Takes note* of paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[52] and decides to establish one position of Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5) in the

[49] A/72/7/Add.16
[50] A/72/7/Add.13
[51] A/72/7/Add.18

Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat to strengthen the team working on Libya;

31. *Decides* to establish one position of Assistant Political Officer (Field Service);

United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

32. *Notes with appreciation* the successful conclusion of the United Nations Mission in Colombia, and recognizes the contribution made to it by unarmed observers, primarily from member countries of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States;

33. *Decides* not to allocate any resources for programmatic activities;

34. *Also decides* to reduce the allocation for operational costs by an additional 1,712,000 dollars;

United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan

35. *Takes note* of paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[33] and decides not to approve the budget proposal for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan;

36. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Mission in the amount of up to 82,900,000 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2018, and requests the Secretary-General to present an updated budget proposal for the Mission for 2018 at the second resumed part of its seventy-second session;

37. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 82,900,000 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2018, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq

38. *Decides* not to establish one position of Women's Protection Adviser (National Professional Officer);

39. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[34] recognizes the importance of technical expertise and capacity to strengthen efforts to address conflict-related sexual violence and gender-based violence, welcomes efforts by the Mission's Gender Unit in this regard, and decides to establish one position of Senior Women's Protection Adviser (P-5);

40. *Decides* to abolish one position of Human Rights Officer (P-4), which has been vacant since 10 May 2017;

41. *Takes note* of paragraph 17 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[34] and decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments, with corresponding appropriation, in an amount not exceeding 50,000,000 dollars for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2018;

42. *Approves* the budgets in the amount of 508,490,000 dollars for the 34 special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, including the commitment authorities for the United Nations Assistance

[33] A/72/7/Add.14.
[34] A/72/7/Add.15.

Mission in Afghanistan and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, and an amount of 686,900 dollars for the share of special political missions in the budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the biennium 2018–2019;

43. *Also approves* a charge of 510,030,700 dollars, including an amount of 853,800 dollars for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar, against the provision for special political missions proposed under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

XXIII
Limited budgetary discretion

Recalling its resolution 60/246 of 23 December 2005, section III of its resolution 60/283, its resolution 64/243, section III of its resolution 64/260 of 29 March 2010, paragraph 115 of its resolution 66/246, section I of its resolution 66/258 of 9 April 2012, its resolution 68/246 and section II of its resolution 70/248 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[55] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[56]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[55]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[56]

XXIV
Gross jointly financed budget of the International Civil Service Commission

Approves the gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 2018–2019 in the amount of 18,764,300 dollars;

XXV
Gross jointly financed budget of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

Notes the gross budget for the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for the biennium 2018–2019 in the amount of 6,276,800 dollars;

XXVI
Gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security

Approves the gross jointly financed budget of the Department of Safety and Security of the Secretariat for the biennium 2018–2019 in the amount of 271,090,400 dollars, broken down as follows:

(a) Field Security Operations: 240,446,800 dollars;

(b) Security and Safety Services at the United Nations Office at Vienna: 30,643,600 dollars;

[55] A/72/497

[56] A/72/7/Add.30

XXVII
Effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from changes in rates of exchange and inflation[57] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[58]

Takes note of the revised estimates arising from recosting owing to changes in the rates of exchange and inflation;

XXVIII
Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 1,100,000 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

XXIX
Gross jointly financed budget of the Joint Inspection Unit

Approves the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the biennium 2018–2019 in the amount of 13,090,100 dollars.

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[57] A/72/646
[58] A/72/7/Add.36

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72/263. Programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

A
Budget appropriations for the biennium 2018–2019

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2018–2019:

I. Appropriations totalling 5,396,907,300 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

Section		*Amount (United States dollars)*
	Part I. *Overall policymaking, direction and coordination*	
1.	Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	119 854 000
2.	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	625 634 900
	Subtotal, part I	**745 488 900**
	Part II. *Political affairs*	
3.	Political affairs	1 231 086 000
4.	Disarmament	24 332 800
5.	Peacekeeping operations	105 702 100
6.	Peaceful uses of outer space	7 616 200
	Subtotal, part II	**1 368 737 100**
	Part III. *International justice and law*	
7.	International Court of Justice	47 792 500

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Section		*Amount (United States dollars)*
8.	Legal affairs	50 311 200
	Subtotal, part III	**98 103 700**
	Part IV. *International cooperation for development*	
9.	Economic and social affairs	159 560 400
10.	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	10 736 400
11.	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	16 116 400
12.	Trade and development	130 694 300
13.	International Trade Centre	37 354 000
14.	Environment	39 603 700
15.	Human settlements	20 971 900
16.	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	39 688 200
17.	UN-Women	16 304 000
	Subtotal, part IV	**471 029 300**
	Part V. *Regional cooperation for development*	
18.	Economic and social development in Africa	157 539 100
19.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	99 570 400
20	Economic development in Europe	61 723 600
21.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	112 450 200
22.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	73 466 000
23.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	65 808 900
	Subtotal, part V	**570 558 200**
	Part VI. *Human rights and humanitarian affairs*	
24.	Human rights	202 779 100
25.	International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	86 106 200
26.	Palestine refugees	56 863 300
27.	Humanitarian assistance	33 055 100
	Subtotal, part VI	**378 803 700**
	Part VII. *Public information*	
28.	Public information	177 359 500
	Subtotal, part VII	**177 359 500**
	Part VIII. *Common support services*	
29A.	Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	19 554 500
29B.	Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	33 897 800
29C.	Office of Human Resources Management	63 330 300
29D.	Office of Central Support Services	152 897 100
29E.	Office of Information and Communications Technology	95 466 000
29F.	Administration, Geneva	133 086 300

Section		Amount (United States dollars)
29G.	Administration, Vienna	36 662 100
29H.	Administration, Nairobi	29 835 400
	Subtotal, part VIII	**564 729 500**
	Part IX. *Internal oversight*	
30.	Internal oversight	39 972 000
	Subtotal, part IX	**39 972 000**
	Part X. *Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses*	
31.	Jointly financed administrative activities	12 339 200
32.	Special expenses	131 902 100
	Subtotal, part X	**144 241 300**
	Part XI. *Capital expenditures*	
33.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	80 616 500
	Subtotal, part XI	**80 616 500**
	Part XII. *Safety and security*	
34.	Safety and security	233 966 000
	Subtotal, part XII	**233 966 000**
	Part XIII. *Development Account*	
35.	Development Account	28 398 800
	Subtotal, part XIII	**28 398 800**
	Part XIV. *Staff assessment*	
36.	Staff assessment	494 902 800
	Subtotal, part XIV	**494 902 800**
	Total	**5 396 907 300**

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, an amount of 75,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2018–2019 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations in Geneva as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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B
Income estimates for the biennium 2018–2019

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2018–2019:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 552,311,800 United States dollars are approved as follows:

Income section	*Amount (United States dollars)*
1. Income from staff assessment	498 969 900
2. General income	49 171 700
3. Services to the public	4 170 200
Total	**552 311 800**

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, the sale of statistical products, catering operations and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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C
Financing of appropriations for the year 2018

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for 2018:

1. Budget appropriations consisting of 2,757,070,650 United States dollars, being half of the appropriation of 5,396,907,300 dollars approved for the biennium 2018–2019 by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of resolution A above, plus 68,617,000 dollars, being the increase in appropriations for the biennium 2016–2017 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 71/272 B of 6 April 2017, 71/280 of 6 April 2017 and 72/253 of 24 December 2017, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[1] as follows:

(a) 33,700,250 dollars, consisting of 26,670,950 dollars, being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment income approved for the biennium 2018–2019 under resolution B above, plus 7,029,300 dollars, being the increase in income other than staff assessment income for the biennium 2016–2017 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 72/253 of 24 December 2017;

(b) 45,242,610 dollars credited from the cancellation of prior-period obligations for the biennium 2014–2015;

[1] ST/SGB/2013/4.

(c) 2,688,127,790 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with Assembly resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015 on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 257,420,750 dollars, consisting of:

(a) 249,484,950 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 2018–2019 in paragraph 1 of resolution B above;

(b) 468,600 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2016–2017 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 71/272 B;

(c) 7,467,200 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2016–2017 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 72/253.

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72/264. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2018–2019

The General Assembly

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations[1] and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 2018–2019 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 8 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 2018–2019 as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 200,000 dollars;

(ii) The calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50) and the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for the completion of cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

[1] ST/SGB/2013/4.

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(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges and travel and removal expenses and installation grants of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 410,000 dollars;

(v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 25,000 dollars;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 1 million dollars in the biennium 2018–2019 as the Secretary-General certifies are required for security measures pursuant to section XI, paragraph 6, of General Assembly resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its seventy-third and seventy-fourth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that, for the biennium 2018–2019, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General Assembly, or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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72/265. Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2018–2019

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 2018–2019 in the amount of 150 million United States dollars;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale of assessments adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for 2018;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from the surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;

(b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2016–2017 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/251 of 23 December 2015;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2016–2017 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 2018–2019;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for that purpose;

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(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments that may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 72/264 of 24 December 2017 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2018–2019; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as may be necessary to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities, which, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars; advances in excess of 200,000 dollars may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 2018–2019, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

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72/266. Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling Article 2, paragraph 1, and Articles 17, 18, 97 and 100 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, 54/252 of 23 December 1999, 55/231 of 23 December 2000, 57/300 of 20 December 2002, 58/269 of 23 December 2003, 60/260 of 8 May 2006, 60/283 of 7 July 2006, 64/259 of 29 March 2010 and 66/257 of 9 April 2012,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General entitled "Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: ensuring a better future for all"[1] and "Shifting the management paradigm in the United Nations: improving and streamlining the programme planning and budgeting process"[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Stressing that accountability is a central principle of management reform,

Commending the Secretary-General for his efforts to enhance the management of the Secretariat,

Commending and stressing the importance of the Secretary-General's commitment to a continued, open and transparent consultation with the General Assembly on his interlinked reform initiatives and with relevant oversight bodies, including the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[1,2]

[1] A/72/492.
[2] A/72/492/Add.1.
[3] A/72/7/Add.24.

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2. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's commitment to improving the ability of the United Nations to deliver on its mandates through management reform, and looks forward to deliberations on his proposed reforms;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Recalls* paragraphs 8 and 39 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and looks forward to receiving a comprehensive report on the proposals of the Secretary-General, as contained in his main report, for its consideration;

5. *Emphasizes* that reform initiatives should be integrated, coherent and mutually reinforcing;

6. *Recalls* paragraph 46 of the report of the Advisory Committee, approves the proposed change from a biennial to an annual budget period on a trial basis, beginning with the programme budget for 2020, and requests the Secretary-General to conduct a review of changes to the budgetary cycle in 2022, following the completion of the first full budgetary cycle;

7. *Decides* to review at its seventy-seventh session, with a view to taking a final decision, the implementation of the annual budget;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 49 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides that the plan outline shall be submitted every three years;

9. *Also recalls* its resolutions 41/213, 58/269 and 62/224 of 22 December 2007 and paragraph 53 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides that the plan outline and programme plan are the principal policy directives of the United Nations, which serve as the basis for programme planning, budgeting, evaluation and monitoring;

10. *Decides* that the proposed programme budget document shall consist of three parts:

(a) Part I: the plan outline, which endorses the long-term priorities and the objectives of the Organization;

(b) Part II: the programme plan for programmes and subprogrammes and programme performance information;

(c) Part III: the post and non-post resource requirements for the programmes and subprogrammes;

11. *Also decides* that parts I and II shall be submitted through the Committee for Programme and Coordination and part III through the Advisory Committee for the consideration of the General Assembly;

12. *Reiterates* that the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee should examine the proposed programme budget in accordance with their respective mandates and, preserving the sequential nature of the review processes, submit their conclusions and recommendations to the General Assembly for the final approval of the programme budget, and requests the Secretary-General to assess the impact of the changes to the budgetary cycle on the work of the relevant subsidiary bodies of the Assembly;

13. *Reaffirms* that no changes to the budget methodology, established budgetary procedures and practices or the financial regulations may be implemented without prior review and approval by the General Assembly in accordance with established budgetary procedures;

14. *Takes note* of paragraphs 64 and 67 to 69 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to implement any changes at present regarding any expansion of exceptional budgetary authorities, unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, the Secretary-General's limited budgetary discretion and the current level of commitment authority for additional resource requirements arising from decisions of the Security Council related to the maintenance of international peace and security;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake an assessment of the mechanisms and levels of discretionary managerial authorities that may be required in order to address unanticipated programmatic needs and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session;

16. *Recalls* paragraph 70 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to increase the level of the Working Capital Fund.

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